

Cambodia
Central Cardamom Mountains National Park
Monitoring Report (July 2022–June 2023)

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The Cardamom Mountains © Conservation International/photo by David Emmett

Patrolling and enforcement

This project continues to conduct forest conservation activities in Central Cardamom Mountains National Park covering an area of 401,313 hectares, with the main partners being Cambodia's Ministry of Environment and the environmental bureau of the local state. Currently, the project also works with other donors including private companies, Global Conservation, USAID Morodok Batiang and others who offer technical support needed for conservation. These donors also provide fuel, supplies, and financial top ups to stipends required by the 42 rangers that staff the six ranger stations covering the Central Cardamom Mountains in order to carry out patrols.

The rangers patrolled 1,212 times from July 2022 through June 2023, covering 48,191 km. They arrested 9 individuals (with legal action taken in certain situations), confiscated 163 chainsaws and 18 guns, and removed 1,649 snares and traps and destroyed numerous illegal hunting

camps. Additionally, the rangers destroy any encampments that they encounter which may be used for illegal hunting.



Rangers removing snares from the forest (left), and rangers confiscating bushmeat (right)
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Seized illegal timber (left), and Rangers on patrol crossing a swollen river (right).
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REDD+ Project Establishment

This year CI made progress in the development of the Central Cardamoms REDD+ project in CCMNP, completing extensive community engagement and Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC¹) with the 23 stakeholder communities. Conducted a forest inventory survey to estimate the carbon content of the forest. Currently, work is underway to finalize the Project Document.

¹ FPIC stands for Free Prior Informed Consent. It is one of the processes required for development of the REDD+ Project.

We also conducted forest inventory surveys to measure carbon stocks and biodiversity surveys using camera traps. The data from the latter surveys will be utilized to establish a project baseline and monitoring system in the future. We anticipate project validation and verification by around mid-2024.



Mapping of forest resource usage with community members (left),
and Forest inventory survey in progress (right) © Conservation International



Community engagement session during the FPIC process
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CCMNP Trust Fund

We did not withdraw funds this past year. We are now working to secure future funding sources by investing the interest portion as well.

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